MR. P. J. THOMAS : എസ്റ്റിമേറ്റ് പരിശോധിച്ച് വേണ്ടത് ചെയ്യാം.

Toddy and arrack shops near schools.

290. MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether there are many toddy and arrack shops in front of schools throughout the whole State?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : No.

Maintenance grants allotted to village roads.

291 *MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the maintenance grants allotted to the village roads in the Kalkulam, Vilavankod and Neyyattinkara taluks are very low ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether they have taken any steps to increase such grants ?

MR. P. J. THOMAS : (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI : May I know the amount for maintenance grant for each taluk?

MR. P. J. THOMAS : I did not hear the question.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI : May I know the amount of annual grant allotted for maintenance per mile of the village road in respect of each taluk ?

MR. P. J. THOMAS : The rate of maintenance allotted per mile is different in different places. It varies from Rs. 20 to Rs. 80.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI : Is it for village roads?

MR. P. J. THOMAS : Yes.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI : What is the rate with regard to the Northern Division?

MR. P. J. THOMAS : It also varies from Rs. 20 to Rs. 100.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI. Sir, I would pray that Government would enquire into the matter because I have ascertained from reliable sources that the rates for the Northern Division is double that of the Southern Division.

Irrigation in Vilavankod taluk.

292. *MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state the amount sanctioned for the Vilavankod taluk for irrigation purposes for the past 5 years showing in a tabular form the amount sanctioned per year and the amount expended and lapsed ?

MR. P. J. THOMAS : A *statement furnishing the information is laid on the table.

*Vide Appendix VII. p. 441

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